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Mr. Michael Hudson
Curator, American Printing House Hall of Fame
1839 Frankfort Avenue, Louisville, KY 40206

Dear Hall of Fame Nomination Committee,

I am writing to nominate Dr. Thomas Zampieri for induction into APH's Leaders and Legends in the Blindness Field Hall of Fame. Dr. Zampieri is a tireless advocate for blind and low vision veterans, and his work has had a profound impact on the lives of countless individuals. I have known Tom for more than a decade through various committees and advocacy efforts including the establishment of the Vision Research Programmatic (VRP) review under the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Program. Without Tom's due diligence advocating for congressional appropriations, this research mechanism would not exist.

Dr. Zampieri served in the United States Army for 22 years, including 13 years as a military flight surgeon. After his military service, he worked as a Physician Assistant in various clinical settings, including private practice, university medical centers, and for the Department of Veterans Affairs. In 2001, Dr. Zampieri medically retired from the VA after becoming legally blind due to Retinitis Pigmentosa.

Since mustering out, Dr. Zampieri has dedicated his life to advocating for the rights and needs of blind and low vision veterans. He has served in leadership roles with the Blinded Veterans Association, BRAVO VICTOR, VRP, and senior Department of Veterans Affairs committees. He has been called to testified before Congress on numerous occasions, advocating for legislation that would improve the lives of blind and low vision veterans.

Dr. Zampieri's work has had a real impact on the lives of blind and low vision veterans. He has helped to secure funding for new rehabilitation programs, develop new technologies, and improve access to care. He has also been a tireless advocate for peer support and mentoring programs, which have helped countless veterans adjust to life with a visual impairment.

Dr. Zampieri is a true leader and a tireless advocate for blind and low vision veterans. He is simultaneously a gentle friend and a fierce fighter, a role model for us all! I am honored to nominate this American hero for induction into your Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,



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